



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** The warm temperatures continued across Colorado last week according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Most areas across the State reported above normal average temperatures for this time of year. This, along with an increase in moisture received, has led to the most favorable crop conditions in several years. Producers were allowed 5.7 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	17	70	12
Last Week	1	9	78	12
Last Year	26	42	32	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	25	65	6
Last Week	3	19	70	8
Last Year	34	46	20	0

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was reported at 98 percent turning color, 67 percent ripe, and 25 percent harvested. The crop was reported in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 81 percent headed and 15 percent turning color by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was reported at 68 percent headed, 7 percent turning color, and also in mostly good to excellent condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn was 10 percent silked and in mostly good condition at the end of last week. Farmers finished planting sorghum last week and it was reported 89 percent emerged, 13 percent headed, and 3 percent turning color with the majority of the crop in good condition. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were fully emerged by week's end. Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Producers finished the sunflower crop planting by week's end. Dry bean acreage was also completely planted, with 88 percent emerged, and 10 percent flowered. The majority of the crop is in good condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 12, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	6	25	48	20
Last Year	30	26	28	14	2
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	19	48	33
Last Year	1	6	25	48	23
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	23	37	40
Last Year	2	10	29	38	21

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained consistent with last week. Currently, they are rated in mostly good condition. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with 95 percent of the first cutting complete and the 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting was 15 percent finished.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average last week. Stored feed supplies bounced back to average for this time of the year. Livestock in Colorado are rated in mostly good condition.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 12, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	0	5	25	52	18
Prev. Year - 2008	25	29	33	10	3
5-Year Avg.	13	19	34	28	6

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 12, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	98	93	99	100
Ripe	67	35	83	90
Harvested	25	10	29	59
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Headed	81	60	89	94
Turning Color	15	3	27	37
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Headed	68	59	78	87
Turning Color	7	3	27	32
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	10	5	15	10
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Emerged	89	72	75	93
Headed	13	9	14	10
Turning Color	3	1	7	1
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Emerged	88	79	75	95
Flowered	10	1	19	12
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	95	89	98	97
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	15	11	24	26

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	2	15	57	26
<b>Corn</b>	1	5	19	50	25
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	1	8	68	23
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	0	0	90	10
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	0	24	42	34
<b>Sorghum</b>	0	0	24	66	10
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	0	7	77	16
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	0	3	76	21
<b>Livestock</b>	0	1	10	75	14

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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